



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, the Examiner objected to the drawings, the specification and claims 5 and 14. Appropriate correction is provided herewith as set forth in detail in the Remarks below.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1 and 19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over any of claims 1, 26 and 27 of copending Application No. 09/339,768. Claims 1 and 19 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 2-18, 20-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over any of claims 1, 26 and 27 of copending Application No. 09/339,768 in view of Kara, PCT Publication WO 99/21330. Claims 2-18 and 20-23 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Sansone, US Patent No. 5,978,781 in view of Kara, PCT Publication WO 99/21330. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome these rejections.

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